a long term measure to meet petrol and diesel crunch in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The growth in consumption of petroleum products has decreased from 8.1 per cent in 1989-90 to 1.3 per cent in 1990-91 due to a number of factors. It is not possible to attribute the lower growth in consumption in 1990-91 to any single factor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

PROFIT/LOSS BY VAYUDOOT

969. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of profit earned or losses suffered by the introduction of Vayudoot services in various sectors so far;

(b) the income being earned under various heads by the Indian Airlines from Vayudoot service; and

(c) the area-wise details of passengers benefited with the Vayudoot service so far ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The accummulated losses of Vayudoot Limited are estimated to be of order of Rs. 120.00 crores as on 31st December, 1990.

(b) During the last two financial years, Indian Airlines has raised bills on Vayudoot to the extent of approximately Rs. 15 crores per year. But these bills have remained unpaid.

(c) The number of passengers carried by Vayudoot during the last three years was as under :—

1988-89	:	5.23 lakhs
1989-90	:	5.61 lakhs
1990-91	:	4.42 lakhs

REPLACING OF STEAM ENGINES WITH DIESEL ENGINES

970. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains being run with steam-engines, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the criteria adopted to replace steam engines with diesel and to accord priority to them; and

(c) whether the Government propose to replace steam engines with diesel engines in Bihar on priority basis during 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A statement giving the information is attached.

(b) and (c) Diesel engines meant for passenger carrying trains are primarily utilised for long distance mail/express trains. Replacement of steam engines by diesel engines is a continuous process depending upon availability of diesel locomotives. However, dieselisation of trains is not undertaken state-wise.

STATEMENT

The number of trains being run with steam engines, Railway-wise is given below :—

Railway	No. of trains run with steam engines
Central	186
Eastern	289
Northern	356
N. Eastern	426

N. Frontier	236
Southern	130
South Central	206
South Eastern	136
Western	546
Total :	2511

CONVERSION OF RAILWAY CROSSINGS INTO OVER-BRIDGES

971. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to plan any long-term scheme to convert railway crossings into overbridges to check frequent accidents;

(b) the number of crossings on heavy density railway lines replaced by overbridges during the last three years; and

(c) the number of railway crossings in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh separately replaced by overbridges during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the interest of safety and uninterrupted flow of rail|road traffic, the Railways, in consulation with the State Government, have been including the works of construction of Road over|under bridges in replacement of busy level crossings in their Annual Works Programmes.

(b) 30

(c) one in Bihar and five in Uttar Pradesh.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR

972. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has made some proposals to the Union Government for the development of tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether the Union Government have allocated the required funds in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through discussions with the Government of Bihar the following projects were identified or 1991-92 :—

4 Tourist Complexes

3 Tourist lodges|wayside amenities

1 Yatri Niwas

Public convenience at 5 places and purchase of tents and water sports equipment.

(c) to (e) An amount of Rs. 234 lakhs has been earmarked for the above scheme. An amount of Rs. 11.02 lakhs has been sanctioned for procurement of Water Sports equipment during 1991-92. Specific proposals alongwith detailed estimates are awaited from the State Government in respect of the other projects.

[*English*]

RESTRUCTURING OF VAYUDOOT SERVICES

973. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted a study for the inconvenience caused due to stoppage of air services and connection of air-routes|airports to the passengers and travelling public with the closure of Vayudoot;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines have failed to provide and take over the services earlier served by the Vayudoot;